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Ms. Elizabeth O'Donnell
Executive Director
Kentucky Public Service Commission
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RE: Joint Application of Duke Energy Corporation, Duke Energy Holding Corp.,
Cougar Acquisition Corp., Cinergy Corp., The Cincinnati Gas & Electric
Company, and The Union Light, Heat and Power Company for Approval of a
Transfer and Acquisition of Control, Case No. 2005-00228

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

I am writing on behalf of the Joint Applicants to request an informal conference with the Commission regarding the above-referenced case on October 10, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the Commission's office. I have checked with the other counsel and I understand this date is also convenient for them.

Our purpose in requesting the informal conference is to explore a possible settlement of all issues raised in this proceeding. We will be prepared to discuss all issues raised in the application for merger approval, the merger benefits, and the approvals requested by the Joint Applicants. Prior to the settlement conference, we will review the intervenors' testimony, which is scheduled to be filed tomorrow, and we will be prepared to discuss any issues raised by the intervenors.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John J. Finnigan, Jr.
Senior Counsel

JJF/sew

cc: Parties of record